the Staff Selection Board for such an appointment, no appointment was given to him. I want to know the reason why at least one member of the depressed classes was not recommended or appointed."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" The Staff Selection Board does not appoint any people but merely recommends that the persons selected are qualified for the appointment."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" The point is this. If a member of the depressed classes was recommended, why was he not given preference over others ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" All I can say is that, I presume, there were better qualified people who were given preference."

Mr. M. GANGARAZU :—" How was it that nobody from the Arya-Vysya community was appointed as sub-inspector of police ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" It is not possible to give an appointment to everybody."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—" Does the process of elimination affect the Brahmans more than the non-Brahmans ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" The hon. Member's arithmetic seems to be correct."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" Why in the compilation branch of the Finance Department no member of any other community except that of Brahmans was selected ? Am I to take it that the Staff Selection Board recommended only the applications of Brahmans and not those of any other community ? Am I to understand that the Staff Selection Board did not get sufficiently qualified men from other communities ? "

The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—" Presumably, Sir."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" Have the Staff Selection Board grown so autocratic ? "

Rai Bahadur T. M. NARASIMHACHARLU :—" Is it because that it was difficult to get more number of non-Brahman applicants for such a hard work ? There were only a small number of applicants of that community, only about five or so."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" It is because the concerned appointment belonged to clerical side ? "

Constitution of Districts, Divisions and Taluks.

Regrouping revenue divisions in Nellore district.

* 387 Q.—Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there are under consideration any and if so what proposals for the regrouping of the revenue divisions or taluks in the Nellore district ?

(*d*) Rs. 7,03,502-14-11.

(*e*) The Kerala Calicut Estates and the Edavanna Rubber and Tea Company have had portions of their loans remitted and the Pullengode Rubber Company has had its loan remitted entirely. The names of individuals whose loans amounting to Rs. 4,90,889-0-6 were also remitted are not known to the Government. The names of those who were admitted to compensation have been given in clause (*c*) above. The Government are not in possession of a list of persons who had taken loans.

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—"With reference to the answer given in clause (*e*), may I know from the Government as to how much was written off from the debts due by the Kerala Calicut Estates and other companies and how much was written off in the case of individuals."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I cannot carry all the figures in my head. If the hon. Member puts me a definite question I shall answer it."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—"I think that certain Rubber Companies have been given generous treatment while others were required to pay their debts in whole."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—"From the answer given to clauses (*c*) and (*e*), I find that cases of help and loans referred to are those given to European firms. May I presume practically there were no applications from Indian firms either for help or for loans ?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I cannot say which firm or individual got help or loans. Clause (*b*) gives information as to the number of applications which were received for help or loans. I cannot say how many of them were from companies and how many from individuals."

Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"May I ask whether the hon. Member's attention has been drawn to the statement in the Press and to annual reports of some companies which were published in *London Times* last month, especially to the statement in regard to the Rubber boom, that its price had risen by 200 to 300 per cent of its original value."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I have noticed such a statement in the Press, but it has no bearing on the subject under discussion. These are loans passed long ago."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—"I find from the answer to clause (*b*) that the number of applications received were 13,864. But in the latter part of the answer given in clause (*e*) it is said 'the Government are not in possession of a list of persons who had taken loans.' Is it very difficult to place on the table of the House a list of persons who have actually taken large loans from Government ?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"It is open to question whether such a list can be placed on the table of the House. It will take a very large amount of labour to prepare a long list of names of persons who have taken loans. I think we have been asked to place a list of those

who have taken loans over Rs. 1,000. I do not think that without knowing definitely what kind of list he wants, I can agree to order the compilation of such a large list as asked for by the hon. Member."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—"Have not the Government received any application from the West Coast Trading and Motor Service Company, Limited, Kuttakkul, stating that their property was looted by several Mappillas, 60 of them were arrested and about Rs. 4,500 were collected from them as fines, hence the company may be given some help or loan to get on with their business?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"I want notice."

Village Establishments.

Village officers restoration scheme.

*392 Q.—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of villages in each of the West Godavari and Kistna districts which will be divided according to the village officers restoration scheme;

(b) the number of several classes of village officers and menials who are sought to be restored in each of the said two districts; and

(c) whether the Government intend to restore the posts of village monigars and assistant karnams in the Presidency which were previously abolished?

A.—(a) & (b) No general scheme has yet been decided on pending the passing of the Bill.

(c) It is not proposed to restore monigars and assistant karnams who were dispensed with as unnecessary on administrative grounds.

Mr. P. ANJANEYALU :—"May I ask with reference to the answer given to clauses (a) and (b) whether the Government have any idea of framing rules and issuing them for the guidance of officers without leaving the work of bifurcation to the subordinate officers?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—"The Government do not propose to leave it to the subordinate officials."

Impounding of cattle belonging to the depressed classes in Dalavaipatnam village.

*393 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the cattle belonging to the depressed classes alone were impounded on 14th October 1923 at about 3 p.m. in the village of Dalavaipatnam, Dharapuram taluk, Coimbatore district; and

(b) if the Government have no information, whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information concerning the alleged incident. In the question before them, the Government do not propose to call for a report.